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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR INGERSOLL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (SHULTZ)

SUBJ: SHULTZ VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 072253; (B) STATE 060173

1. WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT ARRANGE WHITLAM AND SNEDDEN APPOINTMENTS PER REFTEL (A). IN VIEW YESTERDAY'S DECISION TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT AND HAVE GENERAL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH HOWEVER THE CHANCES OF GETTING SUCH APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE LIMITED TIME SECRETARY SHULTZ IS IN CANBERRA, AND ON A WEEKEND MORNING, ARE PROBLEMATICAL.

2. CONNOR HAS ALREADY TENTATIVELY RESERVED TIME FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ IN RESPONSE EMBASSY REQUEST PER REFTEL (B) AND EMBASSY HAS HAND-DELIVERED PERSONAL LETTER FROM ME TO CONNOR CONFIRMING THE REQUEST. IT IS CONCEIVABLE WITH NEW ELECTION DEVELOPMENT EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO FIND GRACEFUL WAY OF WITHDRAWING REQUEST. WE WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY POINT TO DESIRABILITY OF ASKING SECRETARY SHULTZ TO KEEP THE APPOINTMENT ALREADY TENTATIVELY ARRANGED RATHER THAN RISK OFFENSE TO A MINISTER WHO EXERCISES MAJOR INFLUENCE IN FIELDS OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN BUSINESS.

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3. WITHIN CONSTRAINTS INDICATED, EMBASSY WILL MAKE VERY BEST

EFFORTS REARRANGE PRESENT SCHEDULE IN FASHION REQUESTED REFTL (A)
AND WILL KEEP YOU AND SECRETARY SHULTZ FULLY ADVISED OF OUTCOME.

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